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What a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or rather indicates, his fate.—Thoreau.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1906.

Supreme Court Sustains Corporation Commission.

By sustaining the finding of the Corporation Commission and basing its opinion on a Michigan case, the Supreme Court has definitely established as the law in Virginia that the railroad cannot be compelled to sell family mileage books at a less rate than is demanded for regular tickets. It will be recalled that the Commission had required railroads to keep on sale 50-cent mileage books at the rate of two cents per mile, which books were to be good for all members of the purchaser's family. When this bill was before the Corporation Commission, the Times-Dispatch directed attention to a case from Michigan which was practically on all fours with this one—the United States Supreme Court had held to be unconstitutional on the ground that it discriminated unfairly in favor of the purchaser of mileage books and against the purchaser of single tickets. Upon this decision the Corporation Commission rested its opinion, because the railroads could and would have appealed from any other finding to the United States Supreme Court, and would have been sustained in their appeal. The Supreme Court of Virginia has concurred in this action on the part of the Corporation Commission, and the legal principle is therefore definitely determined for this State that the railroads cannot be compelled to sell mileage books, to be used by all the members of a family, at a less rate than is demanded for regular tickets.

Change of Venue.

It was reported in our news columns yesterday that the people of Princess Anne county were indignant because of a change of venue in the case of one John Smith, charged, who had been indicted for criminal assault. Feeling against the negro was so bitter that an attempt at lynching was feared, and the prisoner was escorted from the Norfolk jail to Princess Anne Courthouse under military guard, in order to protect him from the mob. When the prisoner arrived there was a crowd of men around the station, many of whom were angry, says the correspondent, "and their mutterings were very violent." In view of the intense situation there was a conference between the Commonwealth's Attorney and the attorneys for the prisoner, as a result of which the judge granted a change of venue on the ground that the prisoner could not secure a fair trial in Princess Anne county.

For this not the judge and the attorneys on both sides are to be commended, and not condemned. The Constitution guarantees to every man accused of a crime a fair trial, and when, in any community, the feeling against the prisoner at the bar is so intense as to require a military escort to save him from mob violence, it goes without saying that a fair trial is impossible. In all such cases there should be a change of venue, not on the prisoner's account, but on account of our court system itself, and in behalf of law and order.

Needed—A State Board of Charities.

The investigation by a committee of the Legislature of the affairs of the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg, and subsequent action of the General Hospital Board, emphasizes the need in Virginia of a State Board of Charities, whose duty would be to visit the State hospitals, the county asylums and county jails, and report from time to time to the Governor or the General Assembly the result of its investigation together with such recommendations as might seem to the board desirable. This is no new-fangled idea; no untried experiment. Such boards have been in successful operation in various States of the Union for years, and their services are invaluable.

It is not proposed that Virginia create a board with directory powers, but with

authority simply to investigate and report. Nor is it proposed to pay any salary to the members, but only their traveling expenses. There is no doubt that the services of competent men could be obtained on this basis, and the expense would be trifling. The cost of the Williamsburg investigation would pay the expenses of such a board for many years. The board would make suggestions direct to superintendents of hospitals and almshouses and keepers of jails as it passed along, and would doubtless correct many abuses and bring about much-needed reforms, without reference to the State authorities. If there had been such a board in Virginia, and if it had visited the hospital at Williamsburg a year or so ago, there is no doubt that the abuses and defects complained of would long since have been remedied, and there would have been no occasion whatsoever for an investigation by the Legislature.

Bishop Tigert.

The following tribute to the late Bishop Tigert is from the pen of a distinguished Baptist clergyman of Richmond:
The death of this eminent man is a painful surprise. He was in the fullness of his strength. If he had lived until next Sunday, he would have been fifty years of age. He had attained to one of the highest dignities in the gift of his church. On the 15th of last May he was raised to the episcopal office by the mitres of the General Conference. The future looked uncommonly bright. He had large and elevated purposes, and was greatly devoted to the accomplishment of them. But the scene is changed; he has forever passed from among us.
In 1895, after graduating at Vanderbilt University, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. As he was a member of our church, Dr. Crawford H. Toy and the writer called upon him and his bride, a daughter of the venerable Bishop McTear, whom he had lately married against the will of his father-in-law. He was grateful for the attention, and it was the beginning of a friendship that lasted as long as he lived. Bishop McTear shortly afterwards preached that his son-in-law was a man of uncommon power and promise, and was glad to receive him into favor. In 1898, he was given a professorship in Vanderbilt University, and the next year found himself in the path to high preferment.
Being of German blood, he possessed to a remarkable degree the German aptitude for philosophical disquisition. He early contracted a special fondness for the German philosopher Lotze. His devotion to Lotze was already strongly marked in the "Handbook of Logic," the earliest volume that fell from his pen, and it continued to influence his thinking down to the close of his career. Few men in the ministry among Southern Christians showed more ability to conduct a profound speculation.
His sudden taking off is an incalculable loss. Southern Methodists have many competent theologians, but he appears to have been exactly the foremost and among them. And along with his scholarship he also possessed a fine gift of leadership. It would be difficult to point out in any denomination in the Southern States a man of whom so many excellent achievements might have been expected. The sympathy of multitudes will be extended to the Southern Methodist Church and to his family in this great bereavement.

The Electrolysis Hearing.

Those who attended the hearing on electrolysis last night had a liberal education in matters of electrical transportation. As King James the First found out, however, it will not do to rest a decision on the testimony of one party, or one side, and the witnesses in favor of the double overhead trolley system will have to be heard before any layman will be in a position to have or express an intelligent opinion.
As far as it went the evidence, at least, determined beyond all question that there is a great deal to be said for the system now in use in Richmond, even from the electrolytic standpoint. For comfort and service to the traveling public, Professor Sever ranked Richmond among one of the best served cities with which he was acquainted. That is something to be thankful for, whether the pipes are being destroyed or not.

Mrs. Davis's Letter.

A correspondent writing from Biloxi, Miss., says:
"It is now conceded that a serious mistake was made when the letter of Mrs. Davis, who died several years before her death to Judge McKimbro, had, of Greenwood, her legal adviser, was read to the D. C. Convention, and all regret it because it promises to prove a sensation which will revive much of the bitter feeling which was awakened by the death of Mrs. Davis. A prominent delegate from the Delta announced that she intended to make an answer to the letter and print same in every paper in the State. This communication was a long one and filled with bitterness toward McKimbro and her prominent men at that time, and clearly stated with caustic and severe charges against the State and her people. The convention received the reading of the communication in silence, but the delegates were open to the conclusions of the reading of some and of its contents."
It is to be hoped that this "delegate from the Delta" will do so such thing. What's the use? Mrs. Davis is sleeping beneath the matted soil of Hollywood. Let her rest. Let us have no resurrection of the bitterness of the strife. Let us keep alive the sweet memories only.

As the Christmas season draws near, the public is beginning to make plans for that great occasion and to consider the most expedient and profitable use of their available funds. That is right and proper. In fact, the duty of every man whose resources are limited; but in the casting about for the purchase of goods at the lowest possible price, it is a higher duty to give preference to home merchants. If the goods they are offering are reasonably as cheap as those met at town, and thereby retain in circulation the dollars that would be sent away—homeless.

Good advice. It is good to patronize home merchants at all seasons, but peculiarly so in the Christmas season. Our holiday shopping should be in the nature of a Christmas gift to the home merchants. And by the way, it is better to shop early and avoid the rush.

her wealth amounted to \$100,000. By 1904 she had added nearly two hundred millions to her assets, and it is believed that she is now worth a billion and a half. Virginia ought to lift her heart in devout gratitude on Thanksgiving Day.

Wall Street arithmetic: Ten men make a corporation, ten corporations make a trust, ten trusts make a combine, ten combines make a merger, ten mergers make a magnate—and one magnate gets the plot.

N. R. This is a "borrowed jingle."
The President says that he would like for one of his sons to have a hand in completing the Panama Canal. It is greatly feared, however, that they will all be too old for work at the time.

A New York woman has been arrested on the charge of using labels for fuel. Everybody seems to have it in for the coal men these days.

The Pittsburgh lady who married in order to be protected from burglars might have found it simpler merely to move to Richmond.

Census Bureau figures show that women are engaged in 216 out of 333 industries. So far as the ladies go, the remaining industries are 21.

A celluloid factory blew up in New York on Wednesday. The low titter seems to proceed from the direction of the laundry trust.

"Kissing," says Health Officer Friedrich, "will not last as long as the world." This, in truth, is what the novelists call "a long kiss."

The contention of the police, however, seems to be that Mr. Caruso addressed the lady in a base voice.

Mr. Robert Ambler Bruce, now in this city, is old, so old he can't write a letter. He is 7 times 10 today.

There is nothing in Lieutenant Peary's report, however, to make Walter Wellman weep as one without hope.

Now that the President has cleared away, Mr. Shonts remains the unchallenged Big Guy of Panama.

Ladies visiting the monkey-cage hereafter will kindly avoid near-smiling at adjacent opera singers.

Signor Caruso would doubtless be glad to resume the even tenor of the days before it happened.

Come to think of it, an abductor is rather an effacious proposition, anyway.

Now and then it falls out that a great singer has to face his own music.

Mr. Roosevelt was delighted with Panama, and no doubt it was mutual.

Pittsburg, for a guess, will like kindly to the extempore marriage idea.

As to this Senator Platt business, it seems that nobody's resigned.

Dr. Foster went to Gloucester.

The Monument to Poe.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.:
Dear Sir,—With great delight I read in The Times-Dispatch of Saturday, November 10th, that, of the ordinance introduced on November 15th by the City Council by Mr. H. R. Pollard, Jr., for the appropriation on the part of the city of Richmond, of \$10,000 to be expended for the proposed Poe monument, which is to cost \$10,000, I am sure that every citizen of Richmond and of Virginia will stand up and say that the city and the State will do well to consider this question with feeling that Mr. Pollard's ordinance is in every sense a proper one, for Richmond, so greatly beloved by Edgar Allan Poe, could not forget his name, and should be willing to pay at least half of the cost of an appropriate monument to the memory of the greatest genius in many respects, of American men of letters.
The various places which Poe used to frequent in his boyhood days, and in his visits to Richmond, are fast disappearing. Swan Tavern is gone, and in its place stands the Bijou Theatre, which might well have been named the Eliza-beth Poe Theatre. The old theatre which stood on Academy Square, where Elizabeth Poe played, was burned, and with it the Governor of Virginia and seventy of her sons and daughters. To-day Monumental Church stands on this spot. The old Albion House is gone, and other places where Poe was often seen have either been pulled down or diverted from their original use. No tablets have been erected on any building to show Poe's connection with our city. A visitor to our Capital City would never know, unless he came in close contact with our people, the reverence which we have for the man who has made eternal for American literature its foremost place.
Let us, therefore, erect without delay a monument to show to the men from the East and West that, while other parts of America may forget their men of letters, Virginia has not forgot that the genius of American letters was more closely identified with it than with any other locality of this country, and that he in reality is our own.
We congratulate Mr. Pollard upon his broad purposes, and the Finance Committee of the Council upon approving his plan. We are also proud of the public-spirited policy of the gentlemen who organized the Poe Memorial Association. We are sure that such public-spirited men as Joseph E. Wilbur, E. N. Calhoun, George McChesney, S. C. Hildreth, Allen Goff, James E. Cannon and Chas. Marshall Graves, with the co-operation of the city of Richmond, cannot fail to succeed in their plan to honor properly Edgar Allan Poe. Very truly yours,
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Rhymes for To-day

Mere Monkey-Business.
A DULCET voice I long have yearned, for whose sweet tones I am so glad I'm not Caruso At the time.

He has, it's true, a voice that thrills the men or The ladies, at a thou or two per week. But now I fear that lately gorgeous songs he sings.

Has a squeak, ["A narrow squeak" the poet might have said—he Perched it, but the metre wouldn't do—]

For, gent, they say Caruso plucked a laddy At the Zoo.

Aye, sudden near the cage with monkeys in it She screamed: "You'll sing from t'other side your face!"

And coppers danced Caruso in a minute From the place.

Well, right or wrong, thus stands the case, compactly: A singer fronts the music for a space, Yet sings not his sweet song that just exactly Fits the case.

He's several good defenses that look lanky: This one, I'm told, is Don Caruso's pick: He'll claim it must have been some other monkey Done the trick.

—H. S. H.
MERELY JOKING.

Began Late.
Miss Ascent: "Miss Rose tells me she is only twenty-three. I want that young stranger to say 'What's your age?' very strongly. I would seem to indicate that she wasn't born until her death birthday or so."—Philadelphia Press.

A Safe Bet.
"There, now," said the would-be author, "you've heard the first four chapters of my novel. Can you tell how the story's coming out?" "With regularity," "I can tell how it's coming out," "Can you tell how it's coming out?" "In book form."—Philadelphia Press.

How He Knows.
"There goes a woman with a history," remarked the clerk in the book store, as a lady passed. "How do you know?" "I know," queried the proprietor, "because I've seen her in the paper." "I just said it to her."—Chicago News.

Better.
Mr. Knicker: "My wife got a 'baby grand' at our house. Have you got a 'baby grand' too?" "We've got a grand baby."—Detroit Free Press.

The Prize?
Asphorae: "Did your building get a prize at the house show?" "Yes, it did." "What was it?" "A woman's home companion."—Boston Transcript.

An Insultation.
"Yes, sir, I can say that I am a self-made man," "Heaven's sake, don't say that until you're dead."—Boston Transcript.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.
W HILE in Panama the President was naturally most desirous to see the canal, and he wanted certain facts just before—Washington Post.

The rudest predictions of the weather man cannot escape one great comforting thought: There is nothing further to be feared from the ice trust.—Washington Star.

John Drexel has reached his 100th performance of his present role. Bill Bryan has reached the third performance of his. The only difference is John Drexel—Buffalo News.

Hearst's defeat may be a judgment of God as Richard C. Coker says, but we should like to be assured of it on better authority.—Boston Transcript.

Edison claims he has built an auto that will run eleven years. Thomas Edison never looked the least bit old.—Atlanta Journal.

The fear, according to reports, is preparing to promulgate a Sunday law in the city, and he probably feels that the Roman Catholic and his big-up men should be limited to his workdays a week.—New York Times-Democrat.

Your charges of escape are about equal whether you say in town with the automobile, or in the suburbs, and run the risk of being taken for a deer.—Buffalo News.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.
First Negro Fair.
The statement appears in the Intelligencer Star that the first colored State Fair in the history of the race was that held in Mason, Va., in 1882. It was held on the grounds of the late John W. Mason, and was a success. It was held in the city of Richmond, and was a success. It was held in the city of Richmond, and was a success.

A Mistake.
One of the most foolish acts of the last session of our Legislature, we think, was making election day a legal holiday in Virginia. We are sure that the Legislature was not aware of the fact that the day was a legal holiday in Virginia. We are sure that the Legislature was not aware of the fact that the day was a legal holiday in Virginia.

Corporate Audacity.
The statement of the Standard Oil directors, published in Sunday's newspapers, that the company's position is unassailable, both for legal and financial reasons, is a bold statement only for its serene and monumental audacity.—Lynchburg News.

The Late Dr. Dickinson.
The death in Richmond on Tuesday of Rev. Dr. Dickinson, deserves the Baptist Church in Virginia of one of its greatest losses. He was a man of great ability and high character. He was a man of great ability and high character. He was a man of great ability and high character.

R. F. and P. R. R. Presidency.
The people of Virginia are very anxious that the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge W. J. Leake as president of the Richmond, York and Potomac Railroad should be filled by the appointment of a Virginian.—Fredericksburg Star.

Pay Your Poll Tax.
The Revenue Register's appeal to Democrats to pay their poll taxes, which is reproduced in the issue of the Bulletin, is a timely and timely. The large number of unpaid taxes all over the State at the recent election was a disgrace to the State, and it is a disgrace to the State.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
A lecturer in England recently said that five women actually ruin their country.
Of the twelve members of the new French Cabinet, eight have been regular writers for the Paris Press.

During the nineteenth century fifty-two new islands were discovered by the sea by volcanic action and sixteen disappeared.
It is estimated that \$105,432,000 will be required to pay the running expenses of New York city for next year.

People Seen in Public Places

Mr. Willis A. Jenkins, of Newport News, president of the State Board of Examiners, passed through the city last night on his way to the Conference of College Presidents, which is being held at the University of Virginia.

When seen at Murphy's Hotel and asked about the representation which his circuit would send to the great educational meeting to be held in Richmond next week, Mr. Jenkins said:

"We will be largely represented by teachers, school trustees, supervisors and citizens. The school improvement leagues, composed of citizens, which have been formed in every school division, will send good delegations; teachers have been given Friday a holiday with pay if they attend the Richmond meeting, and many are coming. Almost every district board has appointed a member to be present and represent them, while many who are specially interested in the new movement for better schools will come of their own accord."

"Most of the teachers in the new county graded and high schools are planning to spend one day at least visiting the schools of this city, studying the methods used, the grading, manual training, etc." "Everything promises a great meeting, and for a long time it will serve to stimulate the educational work throughout the State."

Judge R. M. Page, of Abingdon, is among the Virginians who are stopping at the Jefferson.

Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, was in Richmond yesterday, and was warmly greeted by many of his old friends here.

Colonel Lamb is not at all pleased that the authorities of his city have given the Tidewater Railroad \$50,000, and is violently opposed to the proposition now pending to give the Norfolk and Portsmouth Company \$100,000. He is fighting the latter scheme, and was at the Corporation Commission rooms yesterday securing some data with reference to the matter.

Colonel Lamb, who was for a long time active in politics, and once the head of the Republican organization in the State, is now looking after his personal affairs in Tidewater Virginia, though he still takes a lively interest in public questions.

Could was King at Murphy's Hotel yesterday, no less than three happy young married couples from different sections of the State having been registered there, being on their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fernbach, of New York, were recently married, and stopped over here on their tour Southward.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wallace, of Augusta, stopped in Richmond on their honeymoon, and they were at the same hotel.

The other couple, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Price, Jr., of Lynchburg, spent the night at Murphy's and left via Norfolk for Memphis, Tenn., where they will reside in the future.

"I have just returned from the great Sunday School Convention held in Charleston, N. C., last Saturday and Sunday," said Mr. David Wintrow Sims last night, "and I enjoyed the meeting very much. I believe it will result in great good, and will tend to stimulate the work in this section."

Mr. Sims is superintendent of Pine Street Baptist Sunday school, the largest in the city, and he made a speech at the chautauqua on the subject of "How a Sunday School was Increased Two in Twenty Months."

Senator Thomas S. Martin and his brother, Mr. Leslie H. Martin, who were called here owing to the illness of their sister, Mrs. J. L. Moon, left yesterday for Washington, the condition of Mrs. Moon being somewhat improved.

Mr. W. M. Geddes, of Washington, D. C., Assistant Secretary of the Jamestown Exposition Commission on the part of the United States government, is registered at the Jefferson. Mr. Geddes will leave today for the Exposition grounds, where he will look after some matters relating to the government exhibits. He will be joined by Mr. William Ordway Partridge, sculptor for the Pocahontas monument.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lancaster, Jr., and R. H. Young, of this city, representing the A. P. V. A., will go to Jamestown and select a site for the monument.

Messrs. Lancaster and Geddes had a brief conference at the Jefferson last night.

Mr. W. B. Lavezey, a prominent business man of Newport News, is at the Richmond. Mr. Lavezey is prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for the House of Delegates from this city, but he said last night that he did not know that he would run.

Colonel R. S. Turk, of Staunton, editor of the Spectator, and a member of the board of directors of the Eastern State Hospital, is at the Richmond, on his way home from Williamsburg. Hon. George C. Blund, of King and Queen, another member, is also in the city.

Hon. J. Thelby Coleman, of Lynchburg, is in the city, having argued a case in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday.

Mr. Andrew Bridges, of Fredericksburg, is registered at Ford's.

Hon. John Whitehead, of Norfolk, one of the commissioners of the Jamestown Exposition, is in the city, and is registered at Murphy's.

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PRETTY WEDDING ON EASTERN SHORE
Marriage of Young People Whose Names Are Linked With Colonial History.
LEATHERBURY—CUSTIS
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at Onancock Scene of Brilliant Gathering.
Special to The Times-Dispatch.
ONANCOCK, VA., November 21.—Holy Trinity P. E. Church was the scene of a very pretty marriage this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Miss Annie Douglas Custis became the bride of Mr. John W. Leatherbury, of Northampton county. The bride, who was attired in a going-away gown of dark blue broadcloth, blue hat and shoes, was given away by her brother, Mr. John W. Custis, Miss Ann E. Potter, of Belle Haven, and Miss Ethel R. Timney, of Onancock, acted as maids of honor, and wore white veils, black hats and gloves, and carried yellow and white clove-scented bouquets.
The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Edwin Nottingham, Rev. Charles E. Woodson, rector of St. Peter's Church, Norfolk, performed the ceremony. Miss Cecile Powell presided at the organ.
The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and carysintemums. Just before the ceremony a wedding breakfast was given on the hotel party at "Melrose," the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shield.
Mr. and Mrs. Leatherbury left on the southbound express for a trip of several weeks, after which they will be at home at the groom's home, "Hem Cliff," near Eastville. Both families have been honorably prominent in the history of the Eastern Shore from Colonial times.
Ralrie—Payne.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CULPEPER, VA., November 22.—One of the most interesting marriages of the season was the nuptials of Mr. Turner Ralrie to Miss Fannie Keith Payne, in Christ's Episcopal Church, at Brandy Station, Culpeper county, at high noon today, the rite being solemnized by the Rev. Carter Page, rector.
The bride, in traveling costume, entered the church with her brother-in-law, Mr. Charles M. Walte, Commonwealth's Attorney of Culpeper county, who gave her away.
The attendants were Miss Crimona Yancy Payne, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor; Mr. Henry Ralrie, brother of the groom, was best man, and the ushers were Messrs. W. I. Gikerson, S. R. Leane, Irvin Parr and Albert Ralrie.
The bride is the popular and accomplished daughter of Mrs. John W. Payne, who was a young and prosperous farmer of Culpeper county. The young couple represent two highly respected families, and the nuptials gathered a large and sympathetic audience. Loving hands had decked the church beautifully with evergreens and chrysanthemums. Mrs. Wise Jennin presided at the organ. The newly wedded pair immediately after the ceremony took the train for an extended Western tour.

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